



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6291

*House of Representatives, February 26, 2009*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND AUDITS CONCERNING THE FISCAL CONDITION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-22d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (c) Renewal of the certificate of authorization shall be granted only  
5 upon (1) the annual fee payment to the Board of Governors of a  
6 nonrefundable fee of two hundred dollars, and an additional fee of  
7 two hundred dollars for each branch school under section 10a-22g, (2)  
8 submission of any reports or audits, as prescribed by the commissioner  
9 or the commissioner's designee, concerning the fiscal condition of the  
10 school or its continuing eligibility to participate in federal student  
11 financial aid programs, (3) the filing with the commissioner of a  
12 complete application for a renewed certificate of authorization not less

13 than one hundred twenty days prior to the termination date of the  
14 most recent certificate of authorization, and (4) a determination that  
15 the occupational school meets all the conditions of its recent  
16 authorization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	10a-22d(c)

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

A private occupational school must submit reports or audits regarding the fiscal conditions and continuing eligibility for participation in federal student aid programs when renewing its certificate of authorization with the Department of Higher Education (DHE). This bill specifies that a private occupational school must submit the reports or audits as the commissioner, or his designee, prescribes, and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6291*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND AUDITS CONCERNING THE FISCAL CONDITION OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, a private occupational school must submit reports or audits on its fiscal condition or continuing eligibility for participation in federal student aid programs when renewing its certificate of authorization with the Department of Higher Education (DHE). This bill specifies that the school must submit the reports or audits as the commissioner, or his designee, prescribes.

By law, a private occupational school's certificate must be reauthorized annually for the school's first four years, after which it may be eligible for an extended authorization of up to five years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**BACKGROUND*****Related Bills***

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee reported several other bills related to the authorization of private occupational schools:

SB 766 increases the amount of the letter of credit a new private occupational school must file with the DHE commissioner, requires the letter of credit be issued by a bank with an office in the state, and extends the period for which the school must maintain it.

SB 796 prohibits the commissioner from issuing a certificate of authorization if the school does not have a director located at its main campus and each branch.

sSB 801 requires a private occupational school, when renewing its certificate of authorization, to submit documentation that it has a passing financial ratio score, as is required for schools participating in federal student aid programs.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    16    Nay   0    (02/17/2009)